

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-21 are subject to a restriction/election requirement.

Election/Restriction

In response to the election/restriction requirement mailed on February 28, 2007, the Applicants elect:

Group A - Softwood biomass.(cl.2)

Group B - Sulphuric acid.(cl 5)

Group C - Polyacrylate salts. (cl 10)

Group D - Flocculation is effected by employing a water-soluble polymer. (cl. 13)

Group E - Ethanol.(cl 19)

Group F - Distillation.(cl 20)

The elected species are readable upon claims 1-10,13, 16, 17,18,19,20 and 21.

On finding claims directed to the elected combination to be allowable, withdrawal of the election requirement and consideration of the patentability of the generic claims will be respectfully solicited.

An examination on the merits of all the claims is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



Ciba Specialty Chemicals Corporation
540 White Plains Road
Tarrytown, New York 10591
(914) 785-2768
SAL22332Rest.doc

Shiela A. Loggins
Agent for Applicants
Reg. No. 56,221